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James J. Peters VAMC Nurse Garner Two Prestigious Annual Awards



Bridget Maybury (left) receives national award from Nursing Spectrum's Associate Vice President, Eileen Williamson

Bronx, NY - The **New York State Nurses Association** and the national **Nursing Spectrum** magazine, have announced the winners of their respective annual 2005 Nursing Awards and James J. Peters Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) Patient Safety Specialist, Bridget Maybury, RN, MSN, ANP, has been named as

an award recipient from both organizations.

Nursing Spectrum magazine is a nationally renowned and widely circulated professional publication for nurses and other medical practitioners. The **Nursing Spectrum** national awards luncheon was held on October 24th 2005, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. This luncheon is the culmination of an extensive, year-long, nation-wide competition and the resulting winners, in 6 different categories, were

selected from among over 1000 nominations and hundreds of thousands of eligible nurses. Ms. Maybury was the 2005 winner in the “Advancing the Profession” category.

“These six nurses represent the best that professional nursing has to offer.” said **Nursing Spectrum** President, Patti Rager, “Their talents and skills are awesome and they make us proud to be their nurse colleagues. Today we are delighted to recognize them – the best of the best.”

With more than 34,000 members, the **New York State Nurses Association** (NYSNA) is the preeminent nursing organization in the state of New York. During the awards presentation in Atlantic City, New Jersey, NYSNA noted Ms. Maybury’s many contributions to the practice of nursing; including her work in research and forensic nursing, her development of virtual learning articles, her innovations in nursing practices and patient care, her work in the National Wheelchair Games and her vital role in the VA Medical Center’s emergency response to the 2003 electrical “blackout.”

“Everyday, RNs go to jobs where their decisions and actions are a matter of life or death,” said Lola Fehr, Executive Director of NYSNA, “Nurses like Bridget and our other winners, continually put their patients’ needs above their own and for that, we should all be grateful.”

During an interview following her return from the Nursing Spectrum banquet in Chicago, Ms. Maybury commented, “I accepted these awards on behalf of the management team and all the nurses at the James J. Peters VA Medical Center. I am very proud to be a VA Nurse and to be associated with **NYSNA** and with **Nursing Spectrum**. I want to thank NYSNA, Nursing Spectrum, the James Peters VA and our veterans for their inspiration, motivation and support. I am very grateful for this enormous honor and I am looking forward to doing more to enhance patient care in the future.”

Ms. Maybury is a patient safety specialist at the James J. Peters VA Medical Center in Bronx, New York. She began her VA career in 1994 at the Bronx VAMC after having worked previously as a staff nurse, in the cardiac care division of a private NY

City hospital. Ms. Maybury holds a Masters Degree in Nursing from the College of Mount Saint Vincent. She is a lifelong New Yorker and a resident of Bronx, New York.

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